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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

15 March 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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National Intelligence Officer  
for China

SUBJECT: Briefings for Mr. Thomas S. Gates, Jr.

1. Action Requested: This memorandum is to confirm briefings for Mr. Thomas S. Gates, Jr., on 24 March 1976 at Headquarters. Mr. Gates will be escorted by Mr. Oscar Armstrong.

2. Basic Data: Mr. Thomas Sovereign Gates, Jr., new Chief of the United States Liaison Office, Peking, China, will be visiting our Headquarters on 24 March 1976 for briefings between 1000-1230 hours. He will be accompanied by Mr. Oscar Armstrong, Director of PRCM at the Department of State. We plan to brief Mr. Gates from 1015-1130 on recent political and military developments in China, its economy, imports of foreign technology and the Defense budget. From 1130-1230 Mr. Gates will be briefed by DDO/EA. Mr. Gates will meet General Walters at 1000 hours for his introduction to the Agency. Mr. Gates will return to the Department for lunch with Dr. Kissinger at 1300 hours. Mr. Gates will have lunch with Director Bush on 27 March. He is due for briefings at DOD on 25 March and is expected to arrive in Peking in mid to late April 1976.

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3. Attached is biographical data on Mr. Gates. According to the New York Times in January 1965 Mr. Gates at an annual dinner of the United States Steel Corporation said that "from a position of strength there is no reason we should not talk to Red China". The Times considers him in the forefront of those advocating exchanges with the PRC.

4. Recommended schedule:

1000-1015	Meet General Walters
1015-1130	DDI Briefing
1130-1230	DDO Briefing
1230	Return to Department of State

The briefings will be held in 7E-62. Request DDO and DDI inform Mr. [redacted] who will participate in the briefings of Mr. Gates.

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Attachment:  
Bio Data

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